

Akron Preparatory School

Meet Your New Principal

Jon Thompson

About Me

- Education & Background:**

- Played football and ran track at the University of Richmond.
- Played basketball at Walsh University and graduated from Walsh University.
- Taught PE and Social Studies.

- Leadership Experience:**

- Dean of Students in Cleveland, Nashville, and Tampa (K-8 & High School levels).
- Dean of Social Emotional Learning in Nashville

- Philosophy:**

- "Education is the key to success, and I believe every student can achieve their best with the right support."

Leadership Approach

- **Observation:**

- I believe in starting with observation to understand the dynamics of our school.
- I'll be spending time in classrooms, talking with students and teachers, and understanding the school culture before making any decisions.

- **Collaboration:**

- I believe that working together as a team is the best way to achieve success.
- My goal is to create an open dialogue with students, staff, and families to ensure we are all working towards the same vision for success.

- **Firm but Fair:**

- I approach discipline and leadership with fairness and consistency.
- I am firm in maintaining high standards, but I believe in understanding the context and treating each situation with care and respect.

Belief in Student Success

- **All Students Can Be Successful:**

- Every student has the potential to succeed, and it's my job to help provide the resources, guidance, and support needed to help them reach their full potential.

- **The Road to Success:**

- Success doesn't come easily. There will be bumps along the way, but with persistence and a growth mindset, every obstacle is an opportunity to learn and grow.

My 4 E's to Academic Success

- **Education:**

- Providing high-quality education is the cornerstone of success for our students. We must create rigorous, engaging, and supportive learning environments.

- **Economics:**

- Ensuring our students have access to opportunities that help them understand the broader world, including financial literacy and career pathways.

- **Environment:**

- A positive, safe, and inclusive school environment is essential to the academic and social-emotional well-being of our students.

- **Exposure:**

- Exposing our students to diverse experiences, cultures, and perspectives helps to prepare them for success in a global society.

Personal Approach to Leadership

- **Coaching:**

- Just like coaching sports, I believe in motivating, guiding, and supporting our team of teachers and staff to perform at their best.
- I've coached football, basketball, and track, and I know how important it is to foster a sense of teamwork and accountability.

- **Creating Systems:**

- Over my career, I've successfully developed systems that support school operations, helping everyone work more efficiently and effectively for the benefit of our students.

Looking Ahead

- **Excited to Serve:**

- I'm here to serve this community, support our staff, and empower our students to be the best version of themselves.

- **Open Communication:**

- I encourage open dialogue and am always available to discuss thoughts, ideas, and concerns. Together, we will make this school year a successful one.

Thank You for the Warm Welcome

I'm excited for the journey ahead and look forward to meeting each of you as we work together to ensure success for all students at Akron Prep.
